



St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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The office will be closed Tuesday, January 9, 2018.

January 6-7, 2018
The Epiphany of the Lord

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Parish Registration—Contact the Parish Office

Parish Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/112238392199573/>

Knights of Columbus Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/kofcrockymountva/>

Youth Group Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/168563686553669/>

Please contact the parish office of anyone you know is ill and would like communion or anointing of the sick.

If there is a death in your family or in the parish family, please contact the parish office or pastoral emergency Contact number as soon as possible. We want to be of service.

Liturgies and Events

Jan 6	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-The Epiphany of the Lord
Jan 7	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-The Epiphany of the Lord
		9:00 am	Religious Education
		9:00 am	Tamale Breakfast
Jan 8- Jan 10	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
Jan 11	Thu	12:00 pm	Mass
		6:30-8 pm	Youth group
Jan 12	Fri	NO	Noon Mass
Jan 13	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 14	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
		9:00 am	Religious Education
Jan 15- Jan 17	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary
Jan 18- Jan 19	Thu- Fri	12:00 pm	Mass
Jan 20	Sat	4:30 pm	Mass-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jan 21	Sun	8:00 am	Mass-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
		9:00 am	Religious Education
Jan 22- Jan 24	Mon- Wed	9:00 am	Morning Prayer/Rosary

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard in English or Spanish on Thursday and Friday at 11:30am or on Saturday at 3:45pm. An appointment is necessary for any other time.

**Readings, January 13-14, 2018
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading I Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
 Second Reading I Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
 Gospel John 1:35-42

**Ministries, January 13-14, 2018
4:30 pm 8:00 am**

Lectors:	C. Forbes L. Bezy	J. Vadase D. King
Ushers:	R. Long B. Schmachtenberg	B. Bannan C. Gaubatz
Greeters:	W. Manning	E. Arellano J. Garcia
Linens:	L. Arrington	

St. Francis of Assisi Altar Servers

Altar server Coordinator: Jack Shanahan

Captains: Andrew Long, Mickey Shanahan, Christian Escobar, Zach Harpin.

Servers: Eduardo Escobar, Jose & Omar Lozano, Tommy Nguyen, Tony Nguyen, Jonathan Castaneda, Paul Garcia, Eduardo Cruz, Arturo Garcia, Allen Castaneda, Venesa Tamona, Alex & Josh Harpin.

Mass Intentions

Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 12:00 pm
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, January 12, 2018
No Noon Mass

Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 4:30 pm
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, January 14, 2018 at 8:00 am
For the people of St. Francis of Assisi.

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Faithful Departed

Ozell Ayers	Frank Young
Bobby Young	Timothy Wade
Raymond Kloos	Helen Scarfe
Paul Eames	

In Need of Prayer

Catie Altice	Dolly LeMond
Albert Galvan	Jeanne Banks
Bernie Galvin	Joanne Patterson
Bud & Nancy Goehring	Janet Vadase & Family
Josephine Graf	Tom Ciappa
Bernadette Hussey	Sharon Young

Home Bound

Terry Coates (Home)	Dorothy Weiss (Home)
Leigh Doninger (Franklin Health Center)	Dolly LeMond (hospital)
Ann Syminink (Home)	Jeanne Banks

US Military

Lt. Col. Timothy Carey	Capt. Raine Maus
Brennan Dopp	Francheska J. Remmert
Brandon Farrow	Jason Presley
John J. Griffo III	Noah Davis
Joseph Lyons	
James Manning	



Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord-
The importance of this story within the Christmas narrative lies in its theological meaning.

Jesus' birth has significance far beyond the religious boundaries and expectations of his ancestors. The intervention of God in human history will have universal repercussions and people of every time and nation will be drawn to the Son of God.

Adult Faith Formation Class: The initial class for adult faith formation will meet on Wednesday, January 10th at 6:30 PM in the parish lobby. This initial class will involve a brief orientation session followed by a video presentation on St. Francis of Assisi from the multi-part series Catholic Pivotal Players hosted by Bishop Barron. The subsequent class will meet based on the discretion of the participants. Recommended readings and an associated workbook will not be used at the initial meeting but may be purchased if interested at pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org. For any questions or concerns, please contact Tony Patriarco at 540-365-2899 or at apatriarco@centurylink.net.

Ceramic Paint Nite at St. Francis of Assisi- Saturday January 20, 2018 at 6:00 pm. \$30 per person. Please contact Linda Siler or Juana Gonzalez to RSVP by January 10. This is a fun event! All are invited. Including the guys and kiddo's.

A reminder from Donna Allgauer- I have been managing the inventory for the Church for several years. I try to check the Social Hall closets once a month. But recently I found paper goods stored in other places but the closets. I would like to ask you that if you need to know where something is or where to put supplies to contact me or leave a message with Kayla. If you notice a supply of an item is running low, please contact me right away. You can contact me at 721-4343 or jdall1969@gmail.com. Thank you.

Envelopes: If you have not received your envelopes for 2018 and **ARE CERTAIN** of your envelope number, check the table in the Commons to see if your box is there. If you have received envelopes in the past but are unsure of your number, call/email Kayla Acosta so she can look up your envelope number or assign a new one.

Morning Prayer- Consider making an offering of daily prayer in this new year by joining the Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 9 am on weekdays when there is no Mass scheduled at SFOA. This includes Thursdays or Fridays if there is no noon mass. Adding devotional prayer is a great way to extend the Christmas Spirit into the new year!



Your supporters (54 households) who shopped at Kroger between 9-1-2017 and 11-30-2017 have contributed to your **\$447.65** total donation.

St. Francis of Assisi will be receiving a Kroger check in this amount within 30 days from 12-21-2017.

Thank you for your continued support of your local Kroger store. If you have not yet linked your Kroger card to Saint Francis of Assisi, the Non-Profit Number for the church is **83046**.

Tamale Breakfast: Join the Hispanic Ministry this Sunday, January 7 for their first tamale breakfast of 2018.

John needs lots of volunteers to help pack and move the Nativity set back to the Rectory basement. If you could stay after Mass on Sunday, January 7 to help it would be greatly appreciated!

Youth group

The next youth group meeting will be Thursday, January 11th from 6:30-8:00.

The youth group will be meeting on the Thursdays one week before each event: Jan 11 (March for Life) and Feb 1 (DYC). Youth attending the events **MUST** come to the meeting so that registration information, signatures, medical information, and travel information can be confirmed.

There is still time to register for the Diocesan Youth Conference. Forms are available on the table by the youth donation box. Please leave your completed registration form in the Youth Events donation box by Monday evening, January 8th. Donations will cover a portion of the registration fees.

"If we approach with faith, we too will see Jesus...for the Eucharistic table takes the place of the crib. Here the Body of the Lord is present, wrapped not in swaddling clothes but in the rays of the Holy Spirit."

~ Saint John Chrysostom

"Si nos acercamos con fe, nosotros también veremos a Jesús... porque la mesa eucarística toma el lugar de la cuna. Aquí el cuerpo del Señor está presente, envuelto no en ropas pañales sino en los rayos del Espíritu Santo."

~ San Juan Crisóstomo

Sacrificial Giving

Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$3,500
December 30-31, 2017.....	\$2,347
Weekly Shortfall.....	\$1,153
December Total	\$13,890
Monthly shortfall	(\$110)



Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. ~ Deuteronomy 15:10

The Youth Group thanks the many who donated to help us get to two key youth events, the March for Life and the Diocesan Youth Conference. We still need to cover transportation expenses. Any gift is appreciated. Leave in the youth event donation box or in an envelope for Bernadette Harmon on the bulletin board outside the office.

Local and Regional News

Commonwealth Catholic Charities

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone whose generous and continued support allows CCC to carry on the work of serving the community. Without a caring and committed network of mission-minded individuals, we couldn't continue helping the homeless, feeding the hungry, and caring for the young, the elderly, and the sick. Thank you!

New Year's Resolutions

This year, let us all resolve to provide Comfort and Compassion in our Communities.

- ~Become a foster parent-start the process now.
- ~Get financial counseling to buy a new house.
- ~Resolve to have healthy relationships with counseling.
- ~Welcome the stranger by supporting CCC services for refugees and immigrants

Visit www.cccofva.org for more information about these opportunities.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME): Let your spirits be augmented by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend with your spouse. The next weekends are: Feb 2-4, 2018 in Clemmons, NC and Mar 2-4, 2018 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing after Abortion- A Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat will be held January 27-29, 2018 in Toano, VA sponsored by Saint Joan of Arc Church in Yorktown. The weekend retreat includes, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment and is available to women, men and any person who may have been adversely impacted by an abortion. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and mercy.

To register contact Linda Riva at 757-887-3144 or email her at lindajr2@yahoo.com. The cost is \$185 for meals, a private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available!

Español

Desayuno de Tamales: Apoyen al ministerio hispano domingo, el 7 de enero en su primer desayuno de tamales de 2018.

Pintura en Cerámica-Habrà una noche de pintura en cerámica en San Francisco de Asís, sábado el 20 de enero a las 6 de la tarde. El costo es \$30 cada persona. Si está interesado hable con Linda Siler o Juana Gonzalez para apuntarse antes del 10 de enero. Es un evento muy divertido! Todos están invitados! Incluyendo los hombres y niños.

Formación de fe para Adultos: La primera clase para la formación de fe para adultos será miércoles el 10 de enero a las 6:30 de la tarde en la sala común. La primera clase incluirá una orientación breve y después una presentación de video sobre San Francisco de Asis presentado por obispo Barron. La siguiente reunion seria determinada basado en la preferencia de los participantes. En la primera clase no van a usar los libros recomendados pero si estan interesados en tenerlos, los puedes comprar en: pivotalplayers.wordonfire.org. Si tiene preguntas puede comunicarse con Tony Patriarco en 540-365-2899 o por correo electronico en apatric@centurylink.net.

Grupo de los jóvenes: La siguiente reunión será este jueves, el 11 de enero 2018.

Mil gracias del grupo de los jovenes a todos que donaron para ayudarnos a llegar a dos eventos muy importantes para nosotros, la Marcha por La Vida y la Conferencia Diocesana de jóvenes. Todavía necesitamos cubrir los gastos para la transportación. Se agradecería cualquier donación. Puede dejar su donación en la caja que esta en la mesa de los jóvenes.

Una conferencia católica de hombres el 17 de marzo 2018 en St. Bede Catholic Church en Williamsburg , VA 23188
Inscripciones:\$40 antes del 1 de febrero, \$55 antes del 10 de marzo, \$60 en la puerta.